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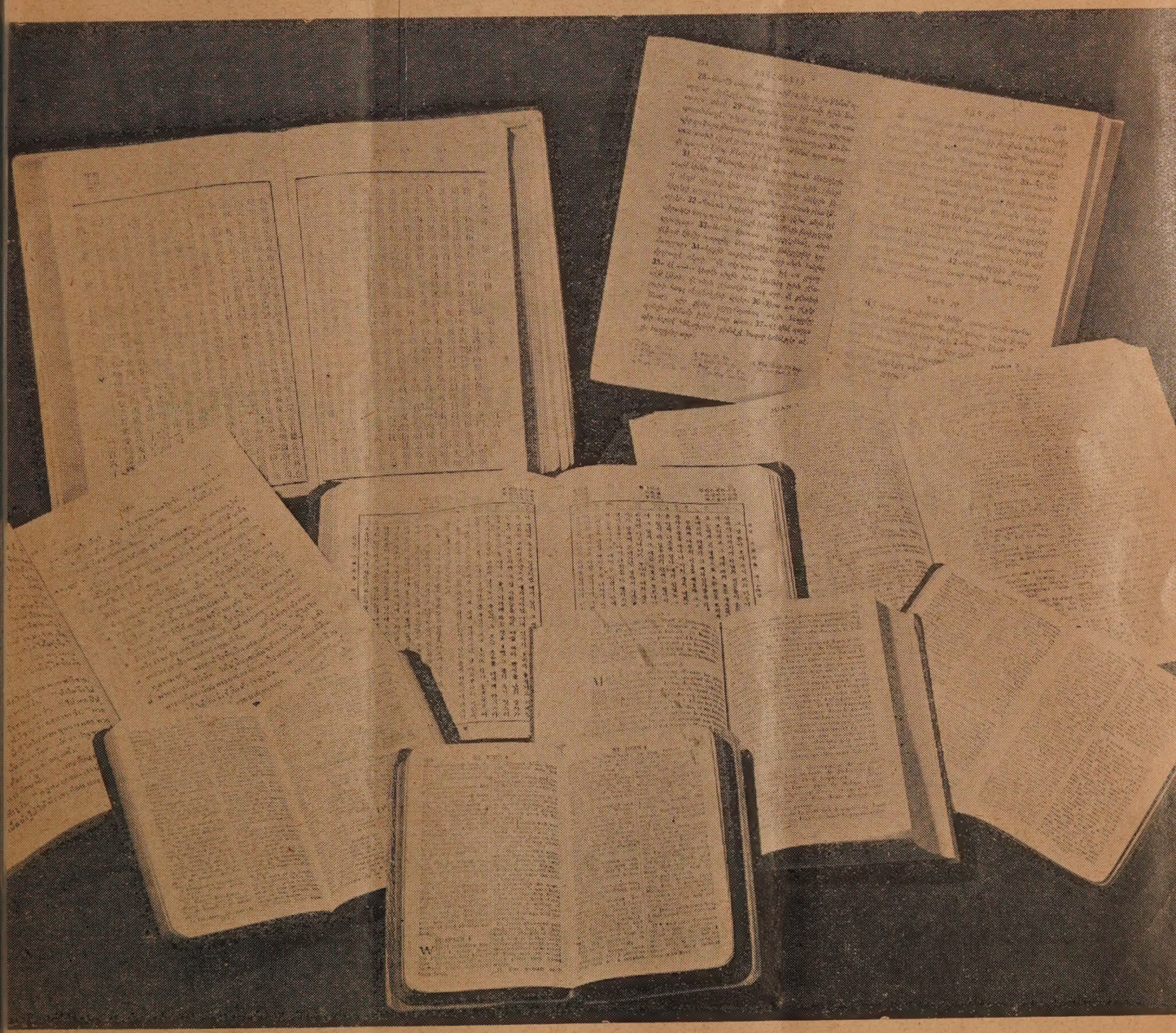

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TOP WORLD METHODIST VISITS MALAYA

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, president of the World Methodist Council and resident bishop of the Missouri Area, with headquarters at Saint Louis, Missouri, spent four days in Malaya and Singapore at the end of January. He was accompanied by Mrs. Holt. They had been attending the meetings of the central committee of the World Council of Churches, at Lucknow, India, December 31 - January 9, as well as the Central Conference for Southern Asia, in Bangalore, January 7 - 16.

Bishop Holt arrived in Singapore by air on January 27 and proceeded to Penang for his first visit to Malayan churches. This was followed by a stop in Ipoh, and arrival in Kuala Lumpur was on January 29. In each place opportunity was given for meetings of Christian workers as well as for informal conversations with Methodist leaders in these centres.

On January 30, the Holts returned to Singapore and left for other points shortly thereafter.

Bishop Holt, elected to the episcopacy in 1938, is one of the five Methodist members from the United States of America on the Central Comittee of the World Council of Churches. He was prominent in the organisation of the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism at Oxford, England, in 1951.

The Bishop is serving the area in which most of his pastorates were located. After being a member of the faculty of the theological school at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, Bishop Holt was pastor for twenty years of the Saint John's Church in Saint Louis. He presides over the Missouri, Saint Louis, and Southwest Missouri Conferences.

In addition to his other duties, he is also president of the Board of Pensions, vice-president of the Methodist Historical Societies, and a member of the Board of Education. His son, Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., is responsible for the Eight Judicial Circuit of Missouri, and is vice-president of the newly-organised Co-ordinating Council of The Methodist Church.

The Second Will Meet In Singapore

Bishop Raymond L. Archer has announced that the second session of the Southeastern Asia Central Conference will meet, as did the first one in 1950, at Wesley Church, Singapore, April 21—26. Delegates from Sarawak, Sumatra, and Burma will join those from the two Conferences in Malaya to consider legislation and plans handed down by the 1952 General Conference.

The Bishop met with a group of Malayan delegates at Malacca, January 7, at which time preliminary work was done on committee assignments and duties. Committees set up include those on entertainment, Conference Courses of Studies, uniform statistical blanks, publishing interests, adaptation of the *Discipline* to conditions in this area, ministry, episcopacy, memorials, and arrangements.

The committee on the ministry will seek to define conditions required of candidates for admission on trial, including age, as well as the age to be set for retirement. The committee on publishing interests will investigate the possibility of establishing a publishing centre for the area.

It is expected that Bishop Ralph A. Ward, formerly head of Methodism in the Nanking-Shanghai Area of China, will represent the Council of Bishops at the Singapore meetings. Bishop Ward is now in Hongkong and is a recognized leader of Chinese Methodism who was first elected to the episcopacy in 1937 and re-elected after his internment at the end of the War.

The Rev. E. S. Lau, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Central Conference, has called a meeting of the Executive Board for April 20 at Singapore.

How A Delegate Summed It Up

THE REV. DN. MUNDUVEL V. GEORGE
Delegate from Persia to the World Conference of Christian Youth
Kottayam, Travancore, December 11—25, 1952.

"Christ the Answer" is primarily an assertion of Christian faith verified by Christian experience and sacred history. The claim is not that Christ has the *answers* for every relative question. The claim is that Christ *is* the *Answer* to the supreme question of God, "Where art thou, O Man?" and the supreme question of Man, "Show us the Father, and that sufficeth us."

This answer is not given in the words of Our Lord but in the Person and Work of Christ Himself, the perfect God-Man. In other words, Christ Jesus is the home where the home-sick man finds his real home and the meeting place where the God of Love finds the Prodigal Son.

If, thus, Christ is the Absolute Answer to the Absolute Question of God and Man, then all other relative questions and answers have meaning only when they are seen in the light of Christ the Supreme Answer.

The Church of Christ exists on earth to link this Perfect Answer of God to the basic question of man by bearing witness to Christ in every situation, by being a Christian critic of every social order, by being the extension of the Mediator between God and Man and by praying for the world, for individuals, and for itself.

The best way we, the delegates of this World Conference, can proclaim that Christ is the Answer is by a thorough consecration of our lives to Christ and His task of reconciling the world unto Himself—the glorious privilege of evangelizing the world. Christ is the the answer.

(In our March-April issue, we will present reports of the World Conference of Christian Youth from the Malayan delegates. That issue will also feature the forthcoming Methodist Youth Fellowship Institutes.)

These Are The Helpers

The Malaysia Message has a new Business Manager, and a new post, that of Circulation Manager, has been created. These appointments were announced at Malacca, January 6, by Bishop Raymond L. Archer.

Mr. Soon Kim Yong, formerly of Ipoh, and now employed in the Treasurer's office at Methodist Headquarters, Singapore, was chosen Business Manager. Mr. Andrew J. Williamson, recently-arrived missionary teacher at Anglo-Chinese School, Barker Road, Singapore, was named Circulation Manager.

They succeed Mr. Ted Miles, who was transferred at Conference time from Kuala Lumpur to Bentong, Pahang. Mr. Soon was active in MYF work in Ipoh and is now a student at Trinity College and a member of the Homemakers Group at Wesley Church, Singapore.

All correspondence relating to subscriptions should be sent to Mr. Williamson at Anglo-Chinese School, Barker Road, Singapore. Box 483, Singapore, but subscribers are asked to remit money to Mr. Williamson for renewals and subscriptions.

In order to bolster our reportorial staff, we have made certain additions for the new year. Mr. Loo Choo Kheam, of Penang, will be associate reporter with Mr. K. C. Yeoh, Taiping, for the Northern Malaya District. In the Southern Malaya District, the reporters are Mr. Chew Kia Song, Singapore, and Mrs. Waldo S. Reinoehl, Malacca. Other district reporters remain unchanged.

The Rev. Louis R. Dennis, of Sibu, has been asked to send all news from Chinese churches and schools in Sarawak, and the Rev. Burr H. Baughman will continue to report on Dyak work until his furlough begins. In Sumatra, the Rev. A. V. Klaus succeeds Mr. James H. Pyke as reporter and in Burma Mrs. George W. Hollister takes the place of the Rev. Haniel Jones. Mr. Klaus is at Medan and Mrs. Hollister at Rangoon.

Miss Helen M. Loomis will continue as Editorial Associate and will report on activities of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mr. D. R. Daniel is the new Methodist Youth Fellowship correspondent and Miss Mabel Nowlin will conduct the column on Christian Education. Miss Birdice Lawrence will again furnish material on Christian Literature.

Correspondents are asked to send in all material by the first day of each month, so that it will be used in the issue which appears at the beginning of the next month. We have discovered that it takes about thirty days to see through the entire printing and publishing cycle.

Subscribers are asked to note that the subscription price in quantities of ten or more copies is now $1.80. Pastors are requested to see that all renewals for church members are promptly dispatched to us. We hope that all principals will make wide use of the magazine with their staffs and students.

We welcome friendly and constructive criticism and would also appreciate written contributions from all readers.

Information will be sent to all schools and churches concerning the part *The Malaysia Message* should play in the observance of Christian Literature Sunday, which is set for April 12.

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September 30, 1952—341 years after the authorized King James Version of the Holy Bible appeared—the Revised Standard Version came off the presses and was placed on the news stands. It is an epochal event in the history of the Bible.

"For sixteen years", we are told, "leading Bible scholars worked at the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible. It is now ready—more accurate than any other version, and far easier to read. It is based on the most authoritative manuscript—some, recently discovered, more ancient than any previous known. It is written in the living language we use today, yet the poetic beauty of the King James Version is preserved."

At about the same time, the United States Government released a commemorative postage stamp, in celebration of the five-hundredth anniversary of the printing of the first book—the Holy Bible—from movable type, by Johann Gutenberg, in 1452.

R.S.V.

This is important Bible news to all Christians. The Methodists throughout Malaya will want to read God's word in this new translation.

The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek. In 405 A. D. Jerome translated the entire Bible into Latin. This was known as "The Vulgate" and became the authorized version of the Roman Catholic Church.

ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF THE BIBLE.

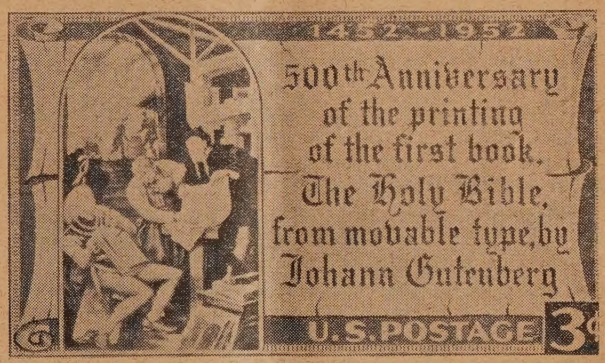
1384—John Wycliffe translated "The Vulgate" into English.
1525—William Tyndale translated New Testament from Greek.
1535—Miles Coverdale translated entire Bible into English. (First printed English Bible.)
1537—John Rogers produced composite work from Tyndale and Coverdale translations.
1539—Miles Coverdale produced "The Great Bible." (*First Authorized Version*—Authorized by Church of England.)
1560—Refugees from England produced "The Genevan Bible."
1568—Anglican Bishops and other learned men produced "The Bishops' Bible." (*Second Authorized Version*—Church of England.)
1611—King James Version—Revision of Bishops' Bible. (*The Third Authorized Version*—Church of England.)
1775—John Wesley revised King James Version of New Testament.
1885—The English Revised Version. (*Fourth Authorized Version*—Church of England.)
1901—American Standard Version by American Scholars.
1903—Weymouth's translation of New Testament.
1926—Moffatt's translation of entire Bible.
1931—Smith and Goodspeed's translation of entire Bible.
1952—Revised Standard Version (*Fifth Authorized Version*—authorized by National Council of Churches of Christ.)

SOME COMPARISONS OF THE KING JAMES VERSION AND THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Matthew 6:34

KJV: Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

RSV: Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day.



Luke 2:49

KJV: And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

RSV: And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Acts 10:34

KJV: Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.

RSV: And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality.

Romans 8:28

KJV: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpose.

RSV: We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.

THE COVER

When Charles Wesley wrote, "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise", he perhaps little dreamed that in two hundred years the Holy Scriptures would indeed appear in more than a thousand languages. Malaya has seen the translation of the Bible into Chinese and Malay in the labours at Malacca of Morrison, Milne, and Shellabear. Here are shown readings of the third chapter of the Gospel of John in the nine languages in which Bibles are now being distributed to military forces in Korea. Printed in English, French, Turkish, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Siamese, Korean, and Tagalog, these editions prove that there is indeed a United Nations of readers of the Word of God.

WHY METHODISTS TAKE THIS STAND

(Excerpts from a sermon preached at Wesley Church, Kuala Lumpur, January 11, 1953. by the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr.)

During the past week a great deal of attention has been called to the subject of drinking alcohol and its connection with Methodist belief. The publicity grew out of a report on "The State of the Church", and another on "Public Morals", given at the Malaya Annual Conference held in Malacca, January 2-7. I feel that it is my urgent responsibility to help our people understand our position. Therefore tonight I wish to re-affirm that position.

Our position on drinking alcohol is only one of many aspects of Christian living and I sincerely hope that no one will think that being a Methodist depends on whether or not you drink alcohol.

We as Methodists need to re-affirm our position often, and we are glad to explain to our friends why we believe as we do.

We do not claim to have the only leading on this subject, but our position is one which has been tested and tried for over 200 years and each year we find more reason to maintain it than to change it. We do not stand in judgment over those who differ with our opinion. Our own record is not clear, either among our church members or in the case of some of our ministers. We do not apologize to anyone for our position, nor do we wish to carry on a lengthy argument or debate concerning it.

Our Methodist Social Creed contains these words: "The teaching of Christ emphasizes as one of its basic principles the sacredness of each human personality. Anything which blights personality is fundamentally opposed to the Gospel of Christ. Since alcohol by its very nature harms personality, we stand for the Christian principle of total abstinence. Since human welfare decreases as the drinking of alcohol increases, we stand opposed to the continuation of the organised liquor traffic."

The resolution passed at Malacca pledged that "Ministers will not attend a feast or a reception held in connection with a Methodist wedding, if alcohol is to be served at such a function. As far as non-Methodist weddings are concerned, the minister is left to his own judgment." A similar resolution was passed by the Malaysia Chinese Conference at Singapore one week earlier.

Many people say, "Why is The Methodist Church so narrow-minded?" Is The Methodist Church narrow-minded? We are calling upon our people to be *broad*-minded. What is narrow-mindedness? What is broad-mindedness?

The Methodist Church seeks to prevent a great and widespread disease of alcoholism. Are medical authorities narrow-minded when they tell us, "It is better to prevent a disease than to try to cure it"? All of us are familiar with such slogans as, "Let us wipe out tuberculosis! Ask your health authorities for advice on B.C.G." Or: "Let us destroy the mosquito and help prevent malaria." We believe that our children should be vaccinated early against small pox. We are careful to get proper inoculations against such diseases as diphtheria and typhoid. We support campaigns to clean up the streets of towns so there will be less dysentery.

We, with many other churches, with some medical authorities, and with many secular organisations offer THE ONLY CURE OR PREVENTATIVE for the alcoholic, which is TOTAL ABSTINENCE. But isn't it strange that in the minds of those who call us narrow-minded alcoholism is the only disease where it is considered illogical and unethical to annihilate the cause. The only preventative known is total abstinence.

Our concern is not only for the excessive drinker who becomes an alcoholic, but also equally as much for the great host of people who are able to take only a few drinks. When we consider their disgusting actions, their immoral judgments, the heart-breaking words they say, and the accidents which they cause themselves and others —often injuries which cripple for a lifetime or prove fatal, our position is strengthened.

Some of our people say, "But I have to drink because my friends would be offended if I refused." Does your friendship depend upon a glass of liquor? If so, your friendship has a very shallow foundation. If it cannot stand that test, then I doubt that it will be able to stand the test of business or custom, joy or sorrow.

All of us respect the Muslim and the Orthodox Jew in their belief that they should not eat pork. None of us would serve, insist upon, or force it upon our Muslim friends. Neither would we insist that our Hindu friends eat beef. If we should do so we would not be good hosts or hostesses. Any cultured host respects the feelings and convictions of his guests and any cultured guest respects the feelings and convictions of his host. That is the number one rule of social etiquette. Therefore, as we would not serve that which would offend our guests, we should feel under no social obligation to accept into our bodies anything which our convictions tell us we should not take. There should be no better and more acceptable answer, when offered an alcoholic drink, than, "Thank you, but I am a Methodist. May I have a soft drink, please?" This need not be said in a tone of arrogance or with a "better than thou" attitude. It is a simple and polite answer which states our conviction.

The Methodist Church seeks to be broad-minded when we present total abstinence as a part of our stewardship of time and money. You know, as well as I, the hours wasted by drinking workmen, both in the professional and the business worlds. Many precious God-given hours have been wasted away. We have no right to waste time when there is so much need for faithful workers to build a better world today.

Methodists seek to be broad-minded in that we ask our people to give for worthy causes rather than to waste money on alcohol. I am afraid that some Methodists have spent more on alcohol this past year than they have given to build schools and churches, to support our Asian pastors and evangelistic workers, to help in our work in New Villages, to continue our work in Borneo, or to renovate our own church building. I believe that every

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THE BIGGEST JOB IS AHEAD

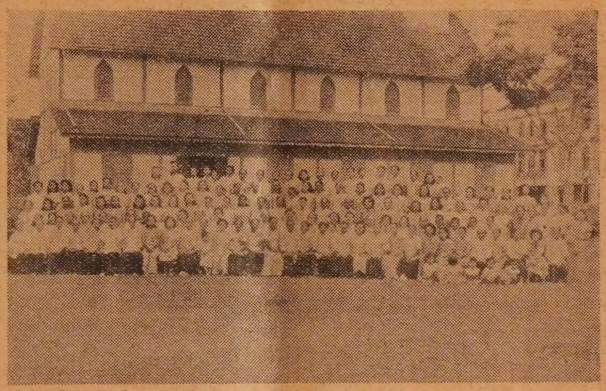
THE FIRST SESSION OF SARAWAK PROVISIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THOMAS A. HARRIS

Earnest effort and pleasant anticipation were everywhere apparent when the Sarawak Provisional Annual Conference was organised and set up for work at Sibu, December 3—7. The pace and tenor of the Conference was set during the morning hour of worship on the first day, when Bishop Raymond L. Archer's spiritual and compelling message prepared the way for Holy Communion.

Attentive ears listened to the reading of the Enabling Act, passed by the General Conference in session at San Francisco, which gave authority to organise the Provisional Conference in Sarawak. The need for a separate Conference was imperative, but during the days following organisation, the experienced hands of the Malaya Conference were greatly missed.

Elders ordained at the first session of the Sarawak Provisional Annual Conference. Representing three national groups, they are: Lucius Memora of the Batak Church, Sumatra; Martha Graf of Switzerland; Lau Kie Ngie, of China. Bishop Archer is at right.



Ministerial and lay delegates attending the new Sarawak Provisional Annual Conference sessions, December 3—7.

Annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Sarawak, at Sibu.

The ecumenical growth of the Church in Sarawak was a significant first impression at the Conference. For the first time in the history of our Church there, Dyak Christians took an active part in the work of the Church outside their local communities. Four Dyak delegates, two of whom are Penghulus and one a local preacher, were introduced to the Conference. A burst of applause greeted and welcomed them. Also delegates were two Batak missionaries from Sumatra who are working among the Dyaks in the upper Balleh River area.

Later during the Conference, at the ordination service, three races from as many different countries were represented. A Chinese, the Rev. Lau Kie Ngie, from Fukien, China; a Batak, the Rev. L. D. Mamora from Sumatra; and Miss Martha Graf, European from Switzerland, were ordained elders.

The evening of the first day was given to emphasizing the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Archer noted the progress of the WSCS work in Sarawak in the past and challenged the organisation to excell its past efforts through a more devoted Christian service for Christ in the next Conference year. The work

These Were Remembered

Queen Elizabeth bestowed traditional New Year's honours on a number of Malayans on January 1, but the Malaya Conference had its own special way of honouring faithful workers in our ranks. At the Conference sessions in Malacca, words of praise were directed toward four leaders.

Monday, January 5, Bishop Raymond L. Archer presided while Mr. J. A. P. Oswald, Conference Lay Leader, presented a series of speakers who extolled the services of the Rev. S. S. Pakianathan, of Ipoh, and Miss Norma B. Craven, of Raub, both of whom are retiring from active duty this year.

The Rev. S. M. Thevathasan garlanded Brother Pakianathan and said that although in this country we are people of different back-grounds, we are still one. Miss Craven spoke of Brother Pakianathan as the leader most responsible for beginning the Home Missonary Society, now the Board of Home Missions. Then the Rev. J. V. Ayaduray in well-chosen words paid tribute to him.

In responding to this commemoration of his restirement and the end of fifty-one years in the ministry, Brother Pakianathan said: "In the church, in the Conference, and in the cabinet I always stood for Asian leadership. Jesus had three years to work and then he left the leadership to his disciples. So with Asian leadership."

Mr. Oswald announced that the training school for Tamil ministers, to which Brother Pakianathan has given so much time and effort in the post-war years in Ipoh, would henceforth be known as the S. S. Pakianathan Theological Seminary. Bishop Archer then presented to him a certificate and button signifying his entering upon the retired relationship.

Mrs. F. Saravanamuthu spoke of the early connection of Miss Craven with Holt Hall, Kuala Lumpur, and remembered with appreciation Miss Craven's work with Tamil women in the years 1924-26 in the Federation capital.

In his turn, Brother Pakianathan gave the credit for conceiving the idea of a seminary for Tamil pastors to Miss Craven. "I first knew her in 1918", he said. "She is one of the few missionary ladies who came down to the level of the Asians. She has contributed a very great deal to Malaya." Miss Craven replied: "My advice to younger missionaries is to come as early as possible and to stay as long as possible—as long as I have. My appointment to the Taiping Boarding School was the first appointment I didn't like. And there have been many since that I didn't like. But I have found that this work is God's work and that the appointments I took under protest have been the most satisfying appointments I've had."

Bishop Archer fittingly characterized the work of Miss Craven as the ceremony concluded.

Retirement did not come automatically for either of the people so recognized. Miss Craven would like to turn over her work in Raub to a new principal but does not like the idea of leaving sooner than that. Brother Pakianathan is principal of the Seminary which now bears his name. He also continues his editorship of *The Light of Salvation* and is working with a branch book depot in Tamil, at Ipoh. He hopes also to project a Tamil edition of devotional literature.

Tuesday morning, January 6, delegates took time out from the busy calendar of reports in order to witness the unveiling of two paintings which had been completed by Mr. Low Kway Song, of Straits Chinese Church, Malacca.

There was a common chorus of appreciation and pleasure among the people when the likenesses of Mrs. Marmaduke Dodsworth and Mrs. Robert A. Blasdell were unveiled by Bishop Archer. Inche Hashim bin Haji Abdul Ghani, who made the presentation, and Inche Hussein bin Ali, represented the Malay community. Both pictures have been hung in the Malay Girls' Hostel in Bickley Park, commemorating the years of devoted service to the Hostel by Mrs. Dodsworth, its founder, and Mrs. Blasdell.

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of this most important body of the Church received hearty congratulations from the Conference. It is only since the visit of Miss Louise Robinson, Associate Secretary of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, New York, late in 1951, to Borneo, that it has been officially recognized as an area for WDCS work. To date there have been three WDCS missionaries assigned to Sarawak, Misses Blanche Apple, Emma Palm, and Martha Graf, all formerly of China. They were introduced at this evening programme, which was concluded with a pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross."

On the afternoon of December 5, during a short and impressive ceremony, Fiftieth Anniversary Memorial Hall —was dedicated. A Conference dinner and reception were held in Memorial Hall on the evening of the same day.

The youth work was brought to the fore on Saturday, when the Methodist Youth Fellowship concluded a day of activities in the first Chinese MYF Conference of Sarawak. The officers for the new year were installed at a candle-light service by Bishop Archer. Later, addressing the group, the Bishop used the words of the Apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me", for his theme. The on-going programme of the Church needs the daring of youth as well as the cool deliberation of age to hold its course, and at the same time reap success during these most difficult times.

The closing service of the Conference on Sunday evening echoed a pattern of thought that reflected the summary of each of the morning worship hours conducted by Bishop Archer. A busy Conference came to its inevitable close, feeling more sure of itself and of the future after the week's experience, and ready to address itself to the high task of labouring more ardently for Christ. The closing message of the Bishop contained words from Philippians, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." With appointments read, the Conference was over. But everyone knew in no uncertain terms that the biggest job was over. But everyone knew in no uncertain terms that the biggest job was yet to be done—the proving in the years ahead.

The Malaya Annual Conference at Malacca

SHIFTED AND POSTED TO NEW JOBS

Five Tamil pastors were involved in the most significant "chain reaction" of new appointments made by Bishop Raymond L. Archer as the Malaya Annual Conference concluded its session for 1953 and adjourned *sine die*.

In this shift of personnel, three of the five districts were involved. The series was started by the appointment of the Rev. G. E. Stephens, who has been engaged in evangelistic work at Johore Bahru, to the pastorate of the Tamil Church in that centre. He succeeds the Rev. V. A. Chelliah, who was transferred to the Tamil Church, Malacca, and also to the staff of the Anglo-Chinese School in the Settlement.

From Malacca to Malacca Street Church, Kuala Lumpur, went the Rev. V. A. Subramaniam. He, too, will continue to teach, having already begun his work at Sentul Methodist Boys' School.

The Rev. Paul Athimuthu moved on from Kuala Lumpur to Ipoh, where he has assumed new responsiblities as superintendent of the Perak District, pastor of the Tamil Church, and staff member at Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh. In the first two of these relationships he succeeds the Rev. S. S. Pakianathan, now retired.

But Mr. Pakianathan has no intention of actual retirement. He is principal of the Seminary for Tamil theological students which now bears his name and will also continue his editorship of *The Light of Salvation*.

Kulim charge in Kedah was left to be supplied when the pastor, the Rev. A. G. J. Rasanayagam, was transferred by the Conference to the Tamil Church in Teluk Anson. This also made necessary the moving of Mr. John Abraham from Teluk Anson to the Tamil Church, Sentul. The Rev. J. A. P. Oswald, who retired from school and church duties at Sentul, has gone to Banting to head up our new Methodist English School there on a re-employment basis agreed to by the Education Department, Selangor.

Among the missionaries, the only change in residence was effected in the transfer of Mr. Ted Miles, formerly of Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur, to the school at Bentong in Pahang. Mr. Miles, who has also been supply pastor at Kuala Lipis, will continue to serve the church there and will have church duties also in Raub and Bentong.

All the missionaries who have come to Malaya since mid—1952 retained their respective assignments. These include, among pastors, the Revs. J. Wesley Day, Teluk Anson, and Waldo S. Reinoehl, Malacca. The Rev. Eugene O. McGraw is principal of Anglo-Chinese School, Sitiawan, while the Rev. Wong Hoon Hee continues as pastor of the Wesley Church in that centre.

Attached to churches in Singapore are Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Blasdell, Geylang English; the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. H. Berckman, Bedok; Miss Helen Loomis, Tamil; and Miss Mary Blackford, Wesley. Misses Kathleen Clancy and Patsy Addington are assigned to work with the Tamil churches in Penang and Taiping, respectively, while Miss Florence Smith is to be associated with the Chinese church in Kuala Lumpur. Mr. Thio Chan Bee is assistant pastor at Bedok Church.

Mr. K. V. Thaver was appointed acting principal of Methodist Boys' School, Sentul, to succeed Mr. Oswald. At Penang, pending the return from the United States of Mr. Geh Hun Kheng, Mr. Ong Cheng Tong is the acting headmaster of the Suffolk Section of the Anglo-Chinese School.

The Rev. Nga Tieng Chieng is the new pastor of Fairfield Church, Singapore, succeeding Mr. Peter Lim, whose relationship to the Conference was discontinued. Mr. Nga continues to teach at the Coleman Street Anglo-Chinese School. The Rev. Yim Tuck Fatt remains on the staff at Anglo-Chinese School, Sungei Siput, but now also has the pastorate of the English Church at Kuala Kangsar, succeeding Mr. J. Appaduray, approved supply.

In Central Malaya Ditrict, the Rev. W. H. T. Abraham was assigned evangelistic work in Jenjarom New Village, while the Tamil Church at Kuantan was left to be supplied.

The Rev. Goh Hood Keng, retired, is now assistant pastor at Katong Church, Singapore.

A number of missionaries were officially appointed chaplains to grant-in-aid schools, while others were given definite assignments for work in the New Villages.

These Are The New Committee Chairmen

Malaya Annual Conference set up new quadrennial boards and committees, on the final day of the business sessions at Malacca, January 6. Here is a listing of the new chairmen and their respective addresses:

Board of Ministerial Training and Qualification (*Discipline*, paragraphs 639-642) which also has been invested with the duties and powers of the committee on Conference Relations (*Discipline*, paragraph 638)—The Rev. Edward S. Lau, Chairman, 105 Bideford Road, Singapore; the Rev. V. A. Chelliah, Registrar, 440-D Tranquerah Road, Malacca.

Advance Committee (*Discipline*, paragraph 763)—Dr. Marmaduke Dodsworth, Chairman, 136 Burmah Road, Penang.

Board of Conference Claimants (*Discipline*, paragraphs 1613, 1623-29)—The Rev. Eugene O. McGraw, Chairman, Anglo-Chinese School, Sitiawan.

Commission on Christian Education (*Discipline*, paragraphs 1441-44)—Bishop Raymond L. Archer, P. O. Box 483, Singapore, President, Ex-Officio; Dr. Ho Seng Ong, Chairman, Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur; the Rev. T. R. Doraisamy, Acting Executive Secretary, 255-E Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 10.

Board of Evangelism (*Discipline*, paragraphs 1478-80)—The Rev. Waldo S. Reinoehl, Chairman, 440-A Tranquerah Road, Malacca.

Committee on Boarding Schools (*Discipline*, paragraphs 1561, 1571)—Miss Virginia Bunn, Chairman, Shellabear Hall, Tranquerah Road, Malacca.

Committee of Investigation (*Discipline*, paragraphs 923, 931-36)—The Rev. V. A. Chelliah, Chairman, 440-D Tranquerah Road, Malacca.

Board of Lay Activities (*Discipline*, paragraphs 1503-07)—The Rev. J. A. P. Oswald, Chairman, Methodist English School, Banting; Mr. Ee Soon Howe, Vice-Chairman, P. O. Box 660, Singapore.

Board of Home Missions (*Discipline*, paragraphs 1295-99)—Malaya Conference members: Ministerial, the Revs. V. A. Subramaniam, Yim Tuck Fatt, Wong Hoon Hee; Lay: Tan Teck Kee, Ted Miles, E. Eliathamby.

Committee on Broadcasting (*Discipline*, paragraph 1591)—The Rev. Tracey K. Jones, Chairman, 5 Fort Canning Road, Singapore.

Committee on Public Morals (*Discipline*, paragraphs 1530-44)—The Rev. Kjell C. Knutsen, Chairman, 3 Museum Road, Taiping.

Commission on World Service and Conference Finance Committee (*Discipline*, paragraphs 791-830)—The Rev. R. A. Blasdell, Chairman, 5 Mount Sophia, Singapore 9.

Committee on State of the Church (*Discipline*, paragraphs 1555—59)—The Rev. Abel Eklund, 20-B Jalan Lintang, Seremban.

Committee on Public Worship and Music (*Discipline*, paragraph 2007)—Dr. Hobart B. Amstutz, Chairman, 50 Barker Road, Singapore.

Committee on Christian Literature (*Discipline*, paragraph 246, section 11)—The Rev. Robert A. Blasdell, Chairman, 5 Mount Sophia, Singapore 9.

Committee on District Conference Minutes (*Discipline*, paragraph 670)—The Rev. S. M. Thevathasan, Chairman, Anglo-Chinese School, Coleman Street, Singapore.

Conference Historical Society and Archives (*Discipline*, paragraph 661)—Dr. Ho Seng Ong, Chairman, Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur.

Committee on Nominations (*Discipline*, paragraph 630)—The Rev. J. Milton David, Chairman, 63 Labu Road, Seremban.

Committee on Work in New Villages—The Rev. J. Harry Haines, Chairman, Lahat Raod, Ipoh.

Women's Evangelistic Workers Committee—Miss Norma B. Craven, Chairman, Eklund Heights, Raub.

Committee on Conference Statistics (*Discipline*, paragraph 630, section 3)—The Rev. Bernard C. Wahl, Chairman, Methodist Girls' School, Kuantan.

Board of the S. S. Pakianathan Seminary—The Rev. S. S. Pakianathan, Chairman, Tamil Settlement, Ipoh.

Promotional Committee for the Year of Evangelism (*Discipline*, paragraph 2040)—The chairmen of the Board of Evangelism, the Committee on Work in New Villages, the Advance, the Committee on Christian Literature, and the Commission on Christian Education.

Board of Education—Bishop Raymond L. Archer, Chairman, P. O. Box 483, Singapore.

HOW MINUTE QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED

Malaya Conference heard replies furnished to the Bishop by the Conference Secretary, touching the following questions relating to ministerial personal:

Who are received on trial? D. A. Chelliah.

Who are admitted into full connection? J. D. Asirvatham, Kjell C. Knutsen, Nga Tieng Chieng, A. P. Paul, Wong Hoon Hee.

Who have been ordained deacons? Nga Tieng Chieng, A. P. Paul, Wong Hoon Hee.

Who have been ordained elders? Yim Tuck Fatt.

Who on trial are discontinued? Peter Lim Teck Siong.

Who have been received by transfer? Tracey K. Jones, from the Mid-China Conference; J. Wesley Day, from the West China Conference.

What ministers have been retired? S. S. Pakianathan.

The New Board Of Education

Chairman: Bishop Raymond L. Archer.
Secretary: Dr. Ho Seng Ong.
From the Malaya Annual Conference: Rev. Fred David, Rev. T. R. Doraisamy.
From the Malaysia Chinese Annual Conference: Rev. M. T. Fang, Geh Hun Kheng.
Missionaries: Rev. Ralph A. Kesselring, Dr. Marmaduke Dodsworth, Miss Helen Desjardins, Miss Ann Harder.
From the Regional Committees for Private Schools: Wang Wai Lam, Mrs. Evelyn Chan.
Teachers: Miss Glory Jayamany, D. R. Daniel, Ngui Choon Jin.
Principals: Thio Chan Bee, G. S. Arumugam, V. D. Kuppusamy, Miss Daisy Moreira, Mrs. Loh Hung Loon, Mrs. Chew Hock Hin.

"BUTA HURUF"

FANNY E. BLASDELL

We have been exceedingly interested in the education of adult Malay women since 1937, when Dr. Frank C. Laubach came to Malacca and helped us to prepare charts and a book for the Malay people. For a number of years I was able to go into the villages around Malacca and teach Malay women to read their own language. What a joy to watch their smiling faces when they realize that they can read!

It gave us added interest when in May, 1951, Dr. Laubach and his wife visited Singapore and Malaya. During the intervening years, Dr. Laubach had developed even better methods of teaching reading, and he brought with him Mr. Philip Gray who is an artist. Mr. Gray prepared pictures for the charts and the book, with the help of a local artist, Che Suri bin Mohyani. Soon after Dr. Laubach's visit Abdul Karim bin Mohamed Sharif and J. Le Provost prepared and printed an excellent Malay reader called "Membasmi Buta Huruf" ("Abolition of Letter Blindness"), using the methods of Dr. Laubach.

As soon as this reader was ready I was eager to start classes among the Malay women in Singapore. I visited a friend and asked her if I could start a class in her home, to which she gladly consented. This first day we met, there were twelve women who came, very eager to read. They sat on a mat in the living room and I sat on a low foot-stool and started teaching them the first two charts. As they looked at the pictures they were very soon able to read the first nine letters on the charts and the words beginning with those letters: a, b, d, f, g, h, j, k, l. As the letters look like the pictures they soon mastered them. Then I give them each a book supplied free by the government, and the women were so surprised that they could read the first two pages in their own book, on each of which I had printed the woman's name.

The next week when I went to that home, the class had grown, as many more women wanted to read. The retired teacher in whose home we met helped the new ones to catch up with the class. By the third week we had forty-two women and we divided them into two classes. They were so eager to learn that they met for an hour four times a week. The secret of teaching these classes is always to praise the women for their efforts and tell them how well they are doing. Never let them be discouraged, keep a smile on your face. The older women are so delighted to realize that they can read. In the second lesson we teach the last two charts with nine more letters and then the women are really ready to read. Then come sentences which repeat the words they already know. All the first sentences use the vowel "a", and then the third lesson teaches the vowel "i" and thus the teacher builds up their reading ability.

As soon as the women were reading a little, I made flash cards of all the words and held them up so the women could read them. The women then took the flash cards and made their own sentences by putting the cards on a stand on the table. They were reading so well that the kampong became interested and the Malay newspaper, *Utusan Melayu*, sent a photographer to take a picture of the class and then wrote an article about it. Other women came who were eager to learn English, so I held a class for them at a different hour.

Mrs. Blasdell and her students. "J" is for "Jari."

These women have read the following books which the Government gave without expense: "Anak Yang Sihat" and "Makanan dan Kesihatan." They are now buying other books and many have read "Kuntum Berkembang", "Beberapa Orang Perempuan yang Termashhor", "Hikayat Yusof", "Sang Kanchil", and "Si Peniup Suling." We are urging them to buy a woman's magazine called *Ibu*, which will help them to improve their reading ability. This magazine is published by Malay women in Johore Bahru and Singapore.

There is no greater joy than the joy of watching these women learn to read. Their faces are wreathed in smiles as they realize that they too can read and write. We hope that many of you who read this article will be willing to start classes among the women in your city or town. These women who learn to read will teach others and soon we shall have scores of adults in Malaya who can read and write.

MISSIONARIES AND NATIONALS CHOSEN

Field Committee nominations made at Malacca resulted in the following elections for the new four-year period just beginning:

Nationals, chosen by the Annual Conference: Thio Chan Bee, Singapore; the Rev. Fred David, Parit Buntar; Mrs. Evelyn Chan, Kuala Lumpur; Dr. Ho Seng Ong, Kuala Lumpur; Miss Daisy Moreira, Ipoh; and the Rev. V. A. Chelliah, Malacca.

Missionaries, chosen by their colleagues: Miss Virginia Bunn, Malacca; Miss Ann Harder, Penang; Mrs. Bernard C. Wahl, Jr., Kuantan; The Revs. Waldo S. Reinoehl, Malacca; Abel Eklund, Seremban; and Tracey K. Jones, Singapore.

MORE ABOUT WHY METHODISTS TAKE THIS STAND

dollar spent on beverage alcohol is a dollar we have robbed from God.

Your church and your pastor will continue to love you and your children. We will rejoice with you in your joy and share the burdens of any sorrow which you may be called to bear. We have not been called by God to be spiritual policemen or spiritual judges, but we have been called as shepherds to lead. God sent his son that we might have life abundant. Your minister has been called to help you find that abundant life. By being sober, sensitive to God's will, dedicated to the highest, obedient to His call, we shall have greater opportunity to discover that abundant life.

LETTERS FROM LUND

(In the following account, Dr. Hobart B. Amstutz concludes his impressions of the Third Conference on Faith and Order, sponsored by the World Council of Churches, and held at Lund, Sweden, last August 15—28.)

August 23, 1952.

Not until next week will we know if this Third Faith and Order Conference has taken the Protestant churches any closer towards union, or whether any vital statement will be forthcoming that will seize the imagination of Christians around our globe.

One of the peripheral effects of this Conference will be the personal discovery by many of the Non-Episcopal Free churchmen, as well as others, of the humbleness and human qualities of the Orthodox and other prelates and bishops. Again and again at mealtime we found ourselves seated beside a Patriarch, Metropolitan, or Archbishop of one of the various churches. Every such experience has shown not a proud, haughty, unbending ecclesiastic but a warm, deeply religious man, in love with his work, aware of the problems of our day (I cannot say this was true of the Orthodox Patriarchs I met!) and amazingly eager for fellowship. I have met Archbishop Brilioth, every inch a Prelate, and a shy lovable man; Archbishop Johan Kopp of the Estonian Lutheran Church, now eight years in exile in Sweden; Bishop Eolls Gulin of Finland, who showed a keen grasp of Asian problems of the day; Bishop Lakdasa de Mel of Ceylon, Anglican, a scion of a proud Singalese family, yet a man eager for church union and a leader among the younger churches.

We were the guests of the Church of Sweden when we were taken, in ten large buses, to visit two eleventh century churches, built by the Danes, exquisite in their architecture, wood carvings, and settings; a number of Swedish castles, all built of brick; and through a wonderfully fertile farm area where the rich stands of wheat and oats were being mechanically harvested. On another occasion we were guests of the city and parish of Lund at a magnificent banquet, an evening of fine fellowship which was a much needed change from long hours of earnest debate and discussion.

August 31, 1952.

Another Faith and Order Conference has become history. It is of course much too early to evaluate such an assembly and especially since I was a part of it.

Last Sunday was another high point and, as in the first case, it also took place in the cathedral. It was called the Conference Service. All delegates who were wearing regalia were asked to enter the cathedral in procession at 2.45 p.m. This was an impressive sight as the three hundred delegates and observers slowly marched in. Hundreds of townspeople gathered to watch and to see their King and Queen, who were worshipping with us.

Archbishop Brilioth, in his sermon, gave one of the most stirring challenges of the whole Conference. Taking Saint Paul's tremendous words in Ephesians 2: 13-29, the Archbishop built his message on Paul's concept of the Church. The Ephesians were told that the walls and barriers were broken down in Christ and yet here we were, gathered from all over the world to break down walls which had been built since Paul's day. "And this is perhaps the crowning tragedy", said Dr. Brilioth, "that the divisions in Christendom have been caused by sincere disciples, who have felt constrained by their conscience, by their fidelity to the Lord, to go their own way, to build up their own churches."

"God uses the Church in its poverty and disunion in order to join new members to the body of Christ, and as means of His Spirit. So this question is pressed upon us: have our thoughts about the activity of God been too narrow, too human—have we imagined an ideal of our own which does not fit in with the plan of God? Should He be willing to use also our disunion which seems to us unbearable for His purpose? Has He perhaps laid the foundations of His temple wider than we imagined?"

Deeply moved, we left the cathedral together with about 2,000 others who filled every available possible space. We faced four full—and we hoped—productive days. Since then three days were spent in the final debate on and the reworking of the reports, and one day in the necessary closing business that needed to be done.

The next Faith and Order Commission, composed of eighty-five members, was selected and approved. The Methodists on it are: English—Dr. R. Newton Flew,

The King and Queen of Sweden coming out of the cathedral at Lund, after the Conference Service on August 24, accompanied by the Conference chairman, Archbishop Y. T. Brilioth.

Dr. H. Watkin-Jones, the Rev. D. T. Niles (the latter is from Ceylon); African Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.A.—Bishop J. A. Allen; The Methodist Church in the U.S.A.—Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Dean Clarence T. Craig, Dr. A. C. Butler; The Methodist Church of Argentina—Bishop Santi Uberto Barbieri; The Methodist Church of Southeast Asia—Dr. Hobart B. Amstutz.

At the Commission's first meeting, August 28, Archbishop Y. T. Brilioth was unanimously elected chairman, and Dean Craig, vice-chairman. Its next meeting will be at Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A., prior to the meeting of the World Council of Churches there in 1954.

The Conference issued "A Word to the Churches", a part of which follows:

"We have seen clearly that we can make no real advance towards unity if we only compare our several conceptions of the nature of the Church and the traditions in which they are embodied. But once again it has been proved true that as we seek to draw closer to Christ we come closer to one another. We need, therefore, to penetrate behind the divisions of the Church to a deeper and richer understanding of the mystery of the God-given union of Christ with His Church. We need increasingly to realise that the separate histories of our churches find their full meaning only if seen in the perspective of God's dealings with His *whole* people.

"We have now reached a crucial point in our ecumenical discussions. The measure of unity which it has been given to the churches to experience together must now find clearer manifestation. A faith in the one Church of Christ which is not implemented by *acts* of obedience is dead. There are truths about the nature of God and His Church which will remain forever closer to us unless we act together in obedience to the unity which is already ours. We would, therefore, earnestly request our churches to consider whether they have done all they ought to have done to manifest the oneness of the people of God. Should not our churches ask themselves whether they have shown sufficient eagerness to enter into conversation with other churches and whether they are really acting together in all matters except those in which deep differences of conviction compel them to act separately? Should they not acknowledge the fact that they have often allowed themselves to be separated from each other by secular forces and influences instead of witnessing together to the sole Lordship of Christ Who gathers His people out of all nations, races, and tongues?

"Obedience to God demands also that the churches seek unity in their mission to the world. We share the failure to convey the Christian message to the mass of mankind. But it is precisely to them that we have the obligation to preach the one Gospel.

"The word penitence has been often on our lips here at Lund. Penitence involves willingness to endure judgment—the judgment of the Lord to whom has been given the power to sift mankind and to gather into one the scattered children of God. We await His final triumph at the end of history. But, in God's mercy, tokens of judgment which are also calls to a new obedience come to us in our day also, here and now. Surely we cannot any longer remain blind to the signs of our times and deaf to His Word. The Lord says once again: 'He who does not gather with me, scattereth.'"

They Also Speak For Christ

Under the sponsorship of the Malaya Conference Board of Evangelism three young ministerial students from the United States of America have been assisting in the period of preparation in our churches for the Year of Evangelism.

Mr. Joe B. Kennedy, who spent April 14—June 26 in Singapore and the Federation of Malaya last year as a special speaker in youth evangelistic meetings, returned to Singapore in early December with two companions, Mr. Kyle Elliott and Mr. Wallace D. Chappell. All three have been active in the work of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and all hail from Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wee, who, in the course of their travels in America last year appeared at the National Conference of Methodist Youth, in September, arranged for Mr. Kennedy's return to Malaya and also assisted in plans which brought Mr. Elliott and Mr. Chappell to the East. When a request was made to provide opportunities to speak in our churches and schools, the Board of Evangelism extended the invitation to the young men.

After attending the Malaya Conference, they filled engagements in Singapore and then Mr. Kennedy spent a week in Malacca, January 11—17. At the same time Mr. Elliott and Mr. Chappell were in Klang and Kuala Lumpur in a tight schedule of meetings and talks. They then went on to Ipoh for a week, while Mr. Kennedy visited at Klang January 18—19, centres in Pahang, January 19-21, and Seremban, January 21—24. All three were present at Sentul for a rally of the Selangor Christian Youth Council, January 17.

Mr. Chappell returned to the United States about February 1 while Mr. Kennedy had a number of visits planned for February. These include Sitiawan, Taiping, and Teluk Anson. His work with the Board of Evangelism is slated to continue through February 28.

Our youth have been challenged to live for Christ by the coming of these fraternal messengers from America. Gifted speakers, they have also provided music for their meetings. Scores of youth have made first decisions for Christ or have re-dedicated their lives.

MORE ABOUT OUR HEARTS SAID "AMEN"

where there is a search for the new. It is of crucial importance that the new organ and instrument of education, while exposing all that is best in the aspiration of Malaya, shall also find ample room for all that is best in the aspirations of the Church of Christ.

We listened to the challenge of our leaders to new the New Spirit. This is the task of a number of committees initiated by the Conference. It is not a task that can be completed in a year; but it is a task of great importance that before the next Conference, the main lines of developement shall be wisely planned.

We listened to the challenge of our leaders to new dedication and enterprise in our evangelistic task. And as our hearts said "Amen" surely the voices of generations mingled with ours in praising God for all that is and all that is to be.

AROUND THE MAP

Homemakers Group at Wesley, Singapore

Southern Malaya District

Wesley Makes a Place for Homemakers—The needs of most groups within The Methodist Church are adequately met, but those of the newly-married and young parents are perhaps most neglected. Wesley Church, Singapore, has tackled this problem by forming a Homemakers Group. Its membership consists thus far of thirty-three young couples of ten different nationalities, led by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lee. Organisation is kept to a minimum. They meet at six-week intervals. The programme begins at 7.30 p.m. with introductions and a meal jointly cooked or produced by four couples. A charge of two dollars per head covers expenses.

After the meal, there is an hour of fellowship, talks, educational films, and social games. The meeting ends with an epilogue of short devotions led by the pastor. The group decides at each meeting what the nature of the next one will be. Judging from the happy faces in the picture and the enthusiasm expressed, it promises to be a success. Why not?

Eight Baptized at Kluang—On December 4, the Rev. Theodore Runyan baptized eight children of the family of Mr. Ng Buck Lock, who is a hospital assistant at Kluang Government hospital. Eight members were received into full membership. Mr. Runyan preached and conducted the communion service. The attendance was most gratifying.

The next day, District Superintendent Runyan had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. P. C. George whose three sons were among those joining the Church at Kluang. Mr. George is a hospital assistant on Mengkibol Estate.

Pioneering at Bahau—On December 8, Mr. Runyan was guest preacher at Middleton Estate, Rompin, and on the same day became the first Methodist missionary to preach at Bahau Estate. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Barr Kumara Kulasingam were baptized. Visits in all the staff homes followed the service and then Mr. Runyan was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barr.

Christmas Comes to Johore—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Barr Kumara Kulasingam was the scene of a Christmas dinner and programme at Bahau Estate, December 22. Staff personnel, European friends, and nine Hindu families joined with seven Christian families—one of them Catholic—to provide the celebration. The were nearly 150 people at the dinner. The Rev. S. M. Pandian, pastor, and the Rev. Sanurimuthu, of Saint Mark's Tamil Church, Seremban, addressed the gathering. The Barrs provided Christmas music and Mr. Barr acted as Santa Claus when it came time to distribute presents.

Mr. Pandian baptized six children at the service held at Segamat on Christmas day. Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship went caroling on Christmas Eve.

Johore Labis Estate had a Yuletide service on Christmas night and there was caroling in many homes of the Estate.

Kluang had its introduction to Christmas carol singing on December 24. Representatives of the Chinese Presbyterian Church and the Overseas Missionary Fellowship joined Methodists in the evening's singing, which followed a service of worship.

Mr. Pandian was still conducting Christmas services on December 27, when he went to Sagil Estate. The youth and children of the congregation had staged a Tamil drama on December 25 and 26.

Three-in-One at Wesley—Wesley, Singapore, according to a report for 1952 by retiring General Superintendent Gurdial Singh, has a total enrolment in extension Sunday Schools of 751 and an average attendance of 530. There are 60 teachers and seven officers. But the Sunday School does not all meet under one roof. The three "branches" are located at Coleman Street, Barker Road, and the York Hill Home. The respective superintendents-in-charge have been the Rev. Nga Tieng Chieng, Mr. Gan Kee Tian, and Miss Winnie Tan. All of this is in addition to the "parent" Sunday School at Fort Canning Road, where the enrolment is 525 and the average attendance, 392. The new General Superintendent is Mr. Edwin Carlos, who also serves as lay leader.

STILL FILLING SINGAPORE PULPITS

The first three months of the new year find the Rev. Goh Hood Keng still busy in the churches on Singapore Island. Here is the schedule of his preaching appointments for the months of January, February and March:

January 9—Katong Straits Chinese Methodist Church
January 11—Katong Presbyterian English Church
January 18—Katong Straits Chinese Methodist Church
January 25—Geylang Straits Chinese Methodist Church
February 1—Broadcast service (Time: 11.30 a.m.)
February 6—Katong Straits Chinese Methodist Church
February 8—Katong Presbyterian English Church
February 15—Katong Straits Chinese Methodist Church
March 1—Bethesda Church (Katong)
March 8—Katong Presbyterian English Church
March 13—Katong Straits Chinese Methodist Church
March 15—Katong Straits Chinese Methodist Church

Mrs. Edna Dorman Lee, widow of Bishop Edwin F. Lee, has written to Brother Goh, "I note by *The Malaysia Message* that, although retired, you are busier than ever. How wonderful that you have such splendid health after long years of glorious but hard service in the Straits Church."

THE BISHOP'S WEEK OF DEDICATIONS

When Bishop Raymond L. Archer returned from Malacca to Singapore, January 7, he had less than a week before flying to Sumatra, accompanied by Mrs. Archer, on January 14. The Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference was held January 21 — 25. The Bishop toured Methodist centres before and after the sessions, which were held at Medan, and returned to Malaya on January 29.

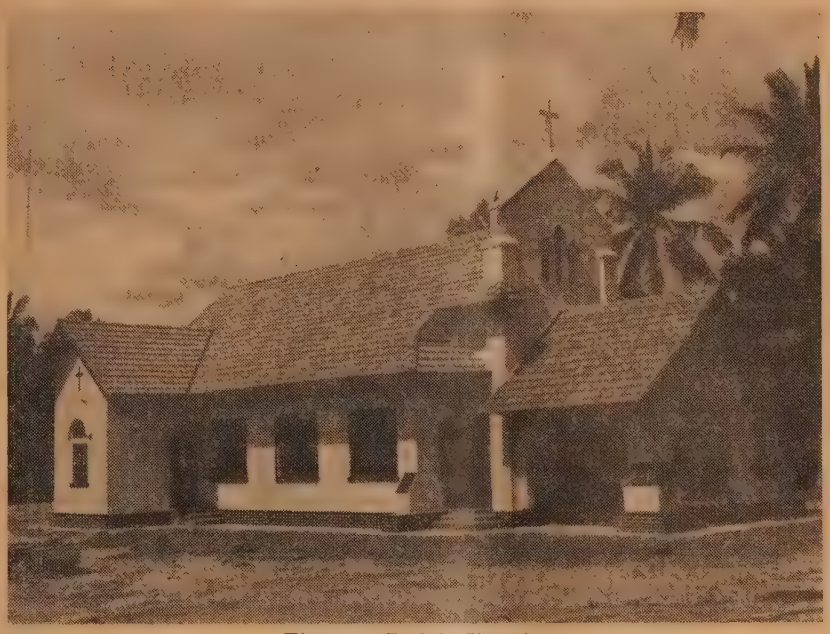
The week-end in Singapore was highlighted by the dedication of the new Bedok Methodist Church on Sunday, January 11. The cornerstone had been laid by the District Superintendent, the Rev. Chew Hock Hin, last September 28.

The building, dedicated to the worship of God, was the dream of the supply pastor, Mr. Chan Wah Teck who, with his wife, worked unceasingly to collect the necessary funds to build this magnificent church.

It has a glorious history. It is a church built and managed by laymen. From a small congregation of fourteen members holding their first Sunday service in the home of Mr. Koh Kong Seng, the church grew to over fifty-seven members today, in addition to children.

The District Superintendent played a great part in the building of this church. "It was his foresight," says our reporter, "to see the great need of a church in Bedok and his tremendous assistance in collecting the funds made it possible for the church to be built".

Bishop Archer arranged a stop-over in Penang, on the route to Sumatra, January 15, in order to dedicate the new addition to the Anglo - Chinese Girls' School, where Miss Ann Harder is principal. The building was declared open by the Resident Commissioner, Penang, Mr. R. P. Bingham.



The new Bedok Church

Messages to the Message

THE IRISH AT PENDAMARAN

8950 Victoria
South Gate, California
November 24, 1952

Editor, *The Malaysia Message*:

I want to congratulate your Klang group on their fine work on the Pendamaran project. That name brings up a flood of memories. When I first came to Malaya, Methodist Girls' School, Kuala Lumpur, had only 100 girls and no Asian teachers. We were three missionaries, the wife of the Headmaster of Victoria Institution, an Australian girl, and myself—also one Irish lass.

When the V. I. lady left, the Irish lady asked if her sister might come out from Dublin and take her place. They were daughters of a Canon in the Church of Ireland. Well, she came and was in the school from September till December.

When I returned from a short hill holiday the two sisters were pacing back and forth in the garden, very anxious to see me. During the Christmas recess they had been invited to a house party in Klang, given by Dato Douglas. She had met the manager of Pendamaran Estate and he had proposed to her and she had accepted; and she was afraid I wouldn't release her.

While waiting for the wedding, she took ill with dengue fever and he came to see her. What do you suppose he brought to his bride-to-be? A rubber cup full of butter!

Well, they were married soon after she recovered and so far as I know lived happily together ever afterward. We spent several days on occasion at the Estate visiting these former friends of M. G. S., Kuala Lumpur.

Sincerely
MABEL MARSH

A LIFE OF JESUS, Edgar J. Goodspeed, Harpers, $12.00.

A brilliant little book reviewing the life of Christ. It is based largely on the Marcan account. It makes the story live, relating it in language that is clear. Very good for young people who want to know the story of the life of Jesus.

TAIPING'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: from the left, standing—Misses Chuah Eng Lee and Mong Looi; the Rev. Kjell C. Knutsen; Miss Lim Phaik Hoon; Edwin Pandian; Miss Chin Lee Neo; James Pandian; Miss Rosie Pandian; Titus Jeyasekara; Misses M. Kasturi Bai; Mercy Kingham; Choo Suat Loo; and Chan Kam Yuen. Kneeling—Sugu Kingham, Ho Liang Swee, Ronald Jeyamoney, Lee Kim Chang, Nai Prasit.

Woman's Society of Christian Service

Helen M. Loomis

Mrs. Ayaduray New Conference President

Mrs. Joseph V. Ayaduray, of Kuala Lumpur, wife of the superintendent of the Central Malaya District, was elected on January 3, at Malacca, new president of the Malaya Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. During the year just ended, she had been one of the vice-presidents.

Mrs. Evelyn Chan, also of Kuala Lumpur, continues as a vice-president and has been given special responsibility for organisation. The other vice-president is Mrs. G. S. Arumugam of Klang, who will work in the field of programmes.

Miss Dorothy Hsu, Singapore, has been chosen secretary of youth work and is succeeded as treasurer by Mrs. Loh Hung Loon, of Malacca. When Mrs. Tan Teik Ho, of Kuala Lumpur, declined to serve as secretary, a meeting at Malacca on January 5 resulted in the election of Mrs. Robert F. Lundy, of Klang.

Also elected at Malacca: Mrs. Marmaduke Dodsworth, Penang, secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. E. M. Welch, Ipoh, secretary of local church activities; Mrs. Ong Chaik Ghee, Singapore, secretary of literature and publications; and Mrs. Kee Hup Seng, Penang, secretary of missionary education.

Mrs. Ayaduray, who succeeds Miss Helen Loomis as president, is a native of Tanjong Malim and has served in WSCS work in the centres where her husband has been stationed. These have included Klang, Singapore, Seremban, and Kuala Lumpur.

Miss Loomis has served for two years. She will continue to report for *The Malaysia Message* on all news items relating to the work of the WSCS in Malaya.

Mrs. Chew Hock Hin and Mrs. Tan Hwan Yun are representatives to the World Federation of Methodist Women. Mrs. Raymond L. Archer is Conference Adviser.

Materials For February Theme: Spiritual Preparation

The WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is being observed by Christian women around the world on Friday, February 20.

It was voted in the Annual Meeting of the WSCS that the World Day of Prayer should be observed by the Woman's Societies of Malaya Conference. It is to be observed as far as possible on February 20, as this is the day when thousands of women will be meeting for prayer. Help to make it an unbroken circle of prayer in our Conference by calling the women of your Society to join in prayer that day.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

1. The Day should be observed in the Church with a carefully planned programme. An organist should be present and there should be flowers on the altar and a globe of the world may be placed on the altar, too.
2. Ask your pastor to announce this service on the preceding Sunday, February 15.
3. Special notices should be sent to all WSCS members.
4. Give personal invitations to women of other churches. They may be asked to participate in this service.
5. Offerings received on the World Day of Prayer throughout the world will aid in the support of eight union colleges in the Orient. May I suggest that those from our Societies be sent to our Conference WSCS Treasurer, Mrs. Loh Hung Loon, c/o Methodist Girls' School, Tranquerah Road, Malacca. Designate the offering as World Day of Prayer offering for Trinity College since Trinity is a union college.
6. Let the Secretary of Spiritual Life keep a record of the number of women attending from other churches. We need this report by the end of the first quarter.

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Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life

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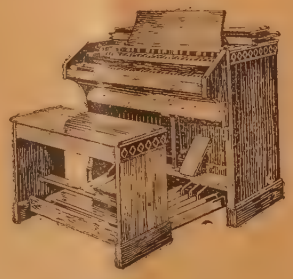

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FROM PENDAMARAN TO MAMBAU

Bishop Raymond L. Archer officiated at two services of dedication for new structures in the New Villages, on the week-end just before Christmas.

On Saturday, December 20, the sun was shining brightly on Malaya's "Work Camp Church" at Pendamaran, near Port Swettenham. The service of dedication was conducted by the Revs. Tan Ing Seng and Robert F. Lundy. The Rev. J. V. Ayaduray read the Scripture portions and the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., led in prayer.

Before Bishop Archer spoke on the theme, "I will Build My Church", Mrs. Archer invoked the blessings of God upon the twenty-four work campers who were able to return for the service. They stood before the assembled congregation and were recognized for their contribution to the building of the edifice.

Other guests included the Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Blasdell, the Rev. L. A. Samuel, Misses Florence Smith and Helen Loomis, the Rev. P. Athimuthu, and Mrs. F. Saravanamuthu.

On Sunday, December 21, the Bishop was escorted by the Rev. Abel Eklund to the new community centre at Mambau and a service of dedication was held there. Costing $8,000, which was raised locally, the new centre provides an apartment for Miss Betty Ngoi, volunteer youth worker in the Village. Bishop Archer also preached that day at the Methodist Tamil Church, Seremban.

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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The new centre at Mambau New Village, Negri Sembilan, which was formally opened by Bishop Archer on December 21

TRINITY COLLEGE OPENS TERM WITH NEW PRINCIPAL

With the opening of the second term of the fifth year of Trinity College, Singapore, on January 13, the Rev. Hubert L. Sone became Principal. The Rev. Theodore Runyan, Acting Principal, left on January 2 for furlough in the United States. Mr. Sone, who was for many years on the administrative and teaching staff of the Nanking Theological Seminary, Nanking, China, recently arrived in Singapore from the United States to represent the Board of Founders of the Nanking Theological Seminary on the staff of Trinity College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sone are teaching in the college.

There has been a steady increase in the size of student body and greater increase in the number of students who are devoting their whole time to the study of theology, religious education or kindergarten training. There are 25 registered students, two of whom arrived within recent days from Hongkong.

The coming of the Rev. Timothy Huang to the resident staff of the college has added scholarship and strength to the Chinese Department. The Rev. Mr. Huang has been pastor of the Geylang Chinese Methodist Church until his oppointment the first of January to this post. Others teaching in Chinese department include the Rev. John J. K. Lu, recently ordained pastor of the Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church, Singapore; the Rev. Paul S. H. Hang, pastor of the Hinghwa Methodist Church, Singapore; Dr. K. P. Chan, Miss Wu Shui Hsia, Mr. Dong Chui-Sing and the Rev. James Leng.

Mrs. Sone teaches Music in worship and is making it possible for all students to study piano to prepare to improve music in the churches which they serve in the future. Miss June Orbell, of New Zealand, has taken charge of the Kindergarten Training Course in place of Miss Ann Stening who is in England on leave.

Others on the staff include Archdeacon Robin W. Wood of St. Andrew's Cathedral; the Rev. Frank Balchin of the London Missionary Society; Dr. Harry K. Johnston of the English Presbyterian Mission; the Rev. Tom Blakely of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.; Miss Olive Bell, of St. Andrew's Cathedral; and Miss Helen Loomis of the Methodist Church.

The new term opened with a special chapel service at which Bishop Raymond L. Archer was the speaker. The second chapel was a Communion Servicce in charge of the principal, the Rev. Mr. Sone. During January speakers at chapel services have included Dr. Norman Goodall, Assiciate General Secretary of the International Missionary Council and Editor of International Review of Missions, New York and London; the Rev. Wallace Merwin, Associate Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ, New York; the Rev. James Neave of the English Presbyterian Mission, Muar; Mr. Sam Weller of the Society for the Propogation of Christian Knowledge, Singapore; and the Rev. Ian Findlay of the Bible Societies in Malaya.

MYF

THE INSTITUTES SEEK THE ANSWER, TOO

Malaya's Northern and Southern Methodist Youth Fellowship Institutes will use the theme, "Christ the Answer", when they convene simultaneously at Taiping and Klang, April 27—May 1.

After consultations in Malacca, January 6, it was decided to postpone the meetings from the original date, April 23—27, because of a conflict with the sessions of the Southeastern Asia Central Conference, which will be in progress beginning April 21.

A tiffin-discussion meeting was held at Shellabear Hall, Malacca, on the date this decision was made, at which leaders who have been invited to participate in the Institutes discussed plans. The meeting was led by the Revs. Kjell C. Knutsen and Robert F. Lundy, deans, respectively, of the Northern and Southern Institutes.

The tentative daily schedule for the Institutes was agreed upon. Printed materials and songbooks will be provided for both groups on a cooperative arrangement that will make duplication of expense unnecessary.

The theme, "Christ the Answer", will be broken down into four subjects which will be developed by the inspirational speakers. These are: "The More Excellent Way", "For the Healing of the Nations", "A Life to Live", and "A Life to Give."

The deans stressed the place of counseling on the part of the adult leaders and mapped tentative Bible Study plans.

Taiping committee members met January 11 and those in Klang convened a session, January 23, to set up definite arrangements for registration. Full announcements are now on the presses.

The Leaders Meet The Leaders

During their five-day flight from Penang to Singapore and then to Sibu and Kapit, George Harper and Jameson Jones, leaders of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the United States, had an opportunity to meet youth leaders from every section of the Malay Peninsula.

Harper, Administrative Secretary for the National Conference of Methodist Youth, and Jones, President of the National Conference, came to Penang from Bangkok on Wednesday, January 14, and in the afternoon began the series of rallies with MYFers from churches. That night they met Penang cabinet members in a round-table discussion on MYF work in America and in Malaya.

The next morning, they were present for the opening of the new building of the Anglo-Chinese Girls' School, Penang, where their paths crossed those of Bishop and Mrs. Raymond L. Archer. Jones spoke at the ACS chapel service. They were then whisked away to Taiping for tiffin and a session with MYF cabinet members and by mid-afternoon were driving toward Ipoh.

Here another rally was held. On Friday morning, there were chapel appearances in Ipoh for both visitors and then a tour of new villages in that part of Perak.

When Harper and Jones came to Kuala Lumpur on the afternoon of the same day, they joined with Sam Jesusdason, delegate from the Selangor Christian Youth Council to Travancore, in a rally of MYFers at Wesley Church. They spent the night in Klang and met Klang and Port Swettenham young people at the Anglo-Chinese School, Klang, on Saturday morning, for informal discussion and recreation.

Then there was a journey by bus to Sentul's Methodist Boys' School, with more reporting on Travancore and a period of recreation. At six o'clock they were again in the air on their way to spend the week-end in Singapore.

There was a gathering of leaders on Saturday night, January 17. Then Harper and Jones filled the pulpits at Straits Chinese, Tamil, Wesley, and Paya Lebar churches. By Monday morning they were off to Sarawak.

Their impressions of youth work in Malayan Methodism were good. They had heard much of the large number of MYF chapters here and expressed interest, on behalf of the American MYF, in what is being done in Malaya. Exchange of ideas on both sides revealed the desirability of our knowing more about each other.

Following the close of the Travancore Conference on Christmas Day, Jones attended a meeting at Lucknow of the youth committee of the World Council of Churches, while Harper visited Madura and then spent several days in smaller villages. This was followed by a two-day stop for both leaders in Rangoon and a brief visit in Bangkok.

Following the Sarawak visits, Jones and Harper expected to go to Manila and then to Hongkong, before going north to Japan. Arrangements had been made for them to visit Korea as well. They plan to be back in the United States at the end of February.

The route across the Atlantic Ocean in early December had included a stop in Ireland. There was also time in the schedule for visits in Rome, Beirut, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Bombay.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

As Miss Ong became Mrs. Wong

WEDDING BELLS RANG ALMOST INCESSANTLY DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, IN MALAYA AND FOR MALAYANS.

Friends who wish to correspond with **Miss Della Olson** must now send the letters to **Mrs. James R. Colby,** at Loyal, Wisconsin. Miss Olson was married to Mr. Colby, an active Methodist layman and a banker, at Viroqua, Wisconsin, on December 6. Mr. Colby counts Sunday School and choir among his church activities. Mrs. Colby completed her missionary service in Taiping and left Malaya last April 28. She had come to Singapore thirty-four years earlier. Her sister, now **Mrs. Emma Olson Marshall,** left the Malayan missionary ranks some years ago in much the same way.

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Miss Daphne Nadarajah, teacher in the Methodist Girls' Afternoon School, Kuala Lumpur, was married to **Mr. Navaratnam Tiliampalam,** at Wesley Church, Kuala Lumpur, December 13. The vows were read by the Revs. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., and P. Athimuthu. The couple is now living in Kuala Kubu Bahru, where Mr. Tilliampalam is a Technical Assistant.

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Wesley Church, Kuala Lumpur, was the scene of the wedding of **Mr. Toh Kheng Teik,** president of the Selangor Christian Youth Council and of Wesley Methodist Youth Fellowship, to **Miss Chua Gek Neo,** of Malacca, a member of the Chua family so intimately connected with Malacca and Penang Methodism. The groom, formerly of Penang and Klang, is the brother of Mrs. Tan Teik Hoe, of Kuala Lumpur, and is a member of the staff at Methodist Boys' School. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Chua Pi Teck. The Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr. officiated. A reception was held at the Lee Wong Kee Cafe, Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. and Mrs. Ong Eng Meng are now residing in Seremban, where Mr. Ong is secretary of the Wesley Church. The bride was **Miss Ng Swee Pee,** daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Ng Siong Hong** of Klang. The groom's parents are **Mr. and Mrs. Ong Tieng Hee.** The ceremony was solemnized on December 18 by the Rev. Abel Eklund, assisted by the Rev. Robert F. Lundy and the Rev. Fang Chao Hsi, at Wesley Church, Seremban. There was a reception at the Anglo-Chinese School Hall immediately after the ceremony.

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Two leading Methodist families were united in Kuala Lumpur on December 20, when **Mr. James Wong,** son of **Mr. and Mrs. Wong, Ah Wah** and **Miss Joyce Ong,** daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Ong Thye Ghee,** were married at Wesley Church. Officiating ministers were the Revs. Abel Eklund and Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr. The newlyweds are both staff members at our Methodist schools in Kuala Lumpur, as is the father of the groom. Mr. Ong is with the Overseas-Chinese Banking Corporation in Kuala Lumpur. 750 guests attended the wedding reception at Eastern Hotel on the same day.

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Bishop Raymond L. Archer participated in two weddings during Christmas week.

At Seremban, on December 22, he read the marriage rites which joined **Mr. S. Vadivelu,** nephew of **Messrs. Marimuthu and Veerapen and Miss Jane Jemima David,** daughter of the **Rev. and Mrs. J. Milton David.** The Methodist Church, Seremban, was the scene of the nuptials. The groom is employed by the Forest Department, Negri Sembilan, and the bride has been a teacher in the Methodist Afternoon School, Seremban. The Honourable Mr. Tan Beng Hock and Bishop Archer proposed toasts at the reception which followed, at Anglo-Chinese School Hall, and Mr. H. King, friend of the young couple, also spoke. Later in the evening, at dinner, Mrs. Archer commented on the fact that the Bishop had baptized all six children of the Davids and that it was no surprise that he should be asked to officiate at the first wedding in the family.

Another pastor's daughter was married in Singapore on December 27, and she was given in marriage by **Bishop Archer.** She is the former **Miss Mildred Adela Smith,** head of the Press Department for the United States Information Service, Singapore, and daughter of **the Rev. and Mrs. John Owen Smith,** of Central Methodist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, U. S. A. She was married to **Mr. John Lepingwell,** of the Goodyear Rubber Company, Singapore. The bride made the acquaintance of Bishop Archer and **Mr. Joshua Baruch,** when she visited in San Francisco, California, last April, where her father was a ministerial delegate to the General Conference. The Rev. Tracey K. Jones performed the ceremony.

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On the same day, in Seremban, **Mr. Sam Sunderaj Paranjothy,** of Teluk Anson, and **Miss Glory M. Daniel,** of Seremban, were united in marriage at Saint Mark's Church. Mr. Paranjothy is the son of **Mr. G. R. Paranjothy** and a brother of the **Rev. V. B. Paranjothy,** now of India. The bride is the daughter of **Mrs. S. Daniel** and has been a staff member at the Public Health Centre in Bahau. She is a committee member of the Old Students' Association of Anglo-Chinese School, Seremban. The groom, a staff member at Anglo-Chinese School, Teluk Anson, has been actively engaged in Scouting and in the work of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, not only in Teluk Anson, but also in the State of Perak and on the Conference level. After the wedding, a reception was held at King George V School Hall, Seremban.

The succession of weddings continued into January.

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Mr. D. R. Daniel, president of the All-Malaya MYF Council and secretary for Young People's Work in the Malaya

As Miss Ng became Mrs. Ong

Annual Conference, was married on January 3, at Madras, to **Miss Doris Lee,** of Ipoh. Mr. Daniel had just attended the Third World Conference of Christian Youth, Kottayam. The following week, the couple returned to Ipoh.

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On January 17, **Mr. Peter Kwan,** well-known member of the Official Board of Wesley Church, Kuala Lumpur, and son of **Mr. and Mrs. Kinton Kwan,** took as his bride **Miss Irene Yap.** The ceremony was performed at Wesley Church by the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr. The reception was held at Harlequin Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

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Dr. and Mrs. Ho Seng Ong announce the wedding of their daughter, **Mary,** to **Mr. William Kneller,** of Rochester, New York, United States of America. The marriage was solemnized last September. Both are students in the Medical School of the University of Chicago. Mr. Kneller expects to receive his Doctor of Medicine degree in June of this year, while Mrs. Kneller will complete her work for the same degree in June 1954.

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In December, the engagement of **Miss Blanche Apple,** of Sibu, Sarawak, to **Mr. Paul P. Wiant,** of Singapore, was announced. Miss Apple came to Sibu in 1951 and Mr. Wiant began his work as building consultant to The Methodist Church in Southeastern Asia, last April. Plans for the wedding are yet to be announced.

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On the day the Malaya Annual Conference convened in Malacca, January 2, one of its district superintendents was sailing from Singapore on furlough. The **The Rev. Theodore Runyan,** for the past year principal of Trinity College and superintendant of Southern Malaya District, left on the Klaveness vessel, "Sunnyville," via Penang, Djarkarta, and the Pacific. He will join Mrs. Runyan at Independence, Kansas, where she and their two children have been making their home.

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Dr. and Mrs. Hobart B. Amstutz expected to sail from New York on January 29 for Europe. Following a six-weeks' stay visiting the Methodist Churches in Switzerland, they will continue their journey to Malaya, and tentatively plan to arrive in Singapore on April 16. They will live at 50 Barker Road and Dr. Amstutz will be superintendent of the Southern Malaya District. After visits in September with relatives in Ohio and Indiana, the Amstutzes spent several weeks in California before going back to New York to meet their ship.

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When **Miss Mabel Nowlin** arrived in Singapore on the "China Mail" December 14, she rejoined her sister, **Mrs. Frances Nowlin Head,** who on July 16 had taken up her duties as a secretary in the American Conculate General in Singapore. Mrs. Head has served in the Foreign Service of the State Department at Paris and London, while Miss Nowlin's missionary career prior to her coming to Malaya was spent in China.

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Mr. K. Chandra arrived in New York City in late January, following a voyage from Singapore as a passenger aboard the Isthmian ship, "Steel Architect." Chandra is enrolling at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore, in the class of 1951 and has been a student since that time at Teachers' Training College. At Wesley Church, Singapore, he was chairman of the world friendship commission in 1951 and of the commission on community service in 1952. At Mount Union, he will take up social studies and, later, medicine. After leaving Singapore on December 13 he spent three days in Port Swettenham and then was in Penang for a time before sailing westward.

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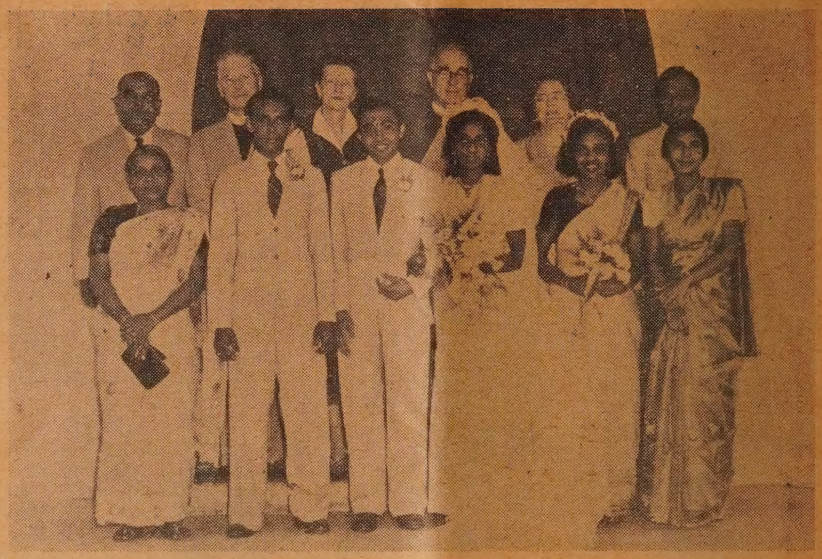
The Rev. and Mrs. Ragnar Alm, returning from furlough in October, spent two weeks in Tebing Tinggi before going on to Kisarang to take up their new duties. The house at Kisarang has been renovated and the Alms are now well into their work.



Members of the Vadivelu-David weedding party with Bishop and Mrs. Archer, the Rev. and Mrs. Abel Eklund, and the bride's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Milton David

Christian Education

Miss Mabel Nowlin, who has begun her new work in Christian education, spent most of January in the Federation in meetings with Sunday School and Religious Knowledge teachers and gathered information and material for determining the literature and other need of Malayan Methodists.

Following the Malaya Annual Conference, she came to Kuala Lumpur for several days and then was in Klang, January 14 — 16, speaking at the MYF meeting and acting as resource leader in the classes on religious knowledge.

Then there followed a visit in Ipoh and Taiping. Toward the end of the month visits were also made to Kampar, Sitiawan, and Teluk Anson. Miss Nowlin returned to Singapore at the end of January.

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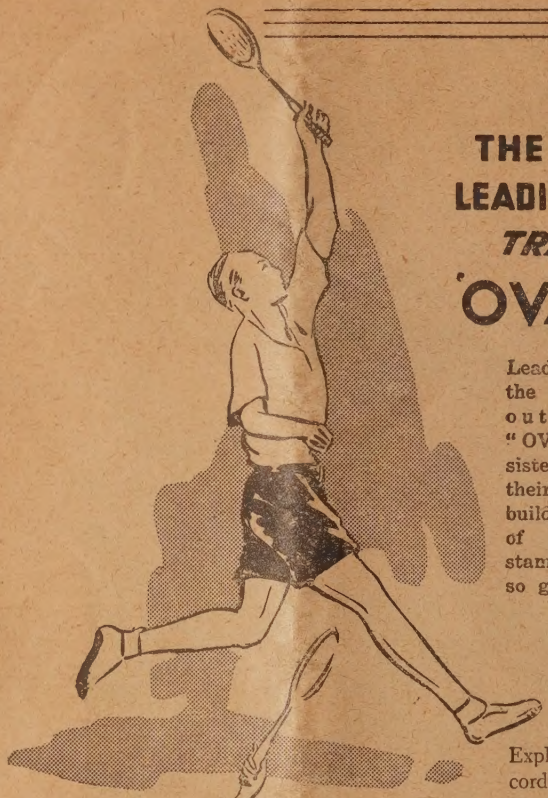

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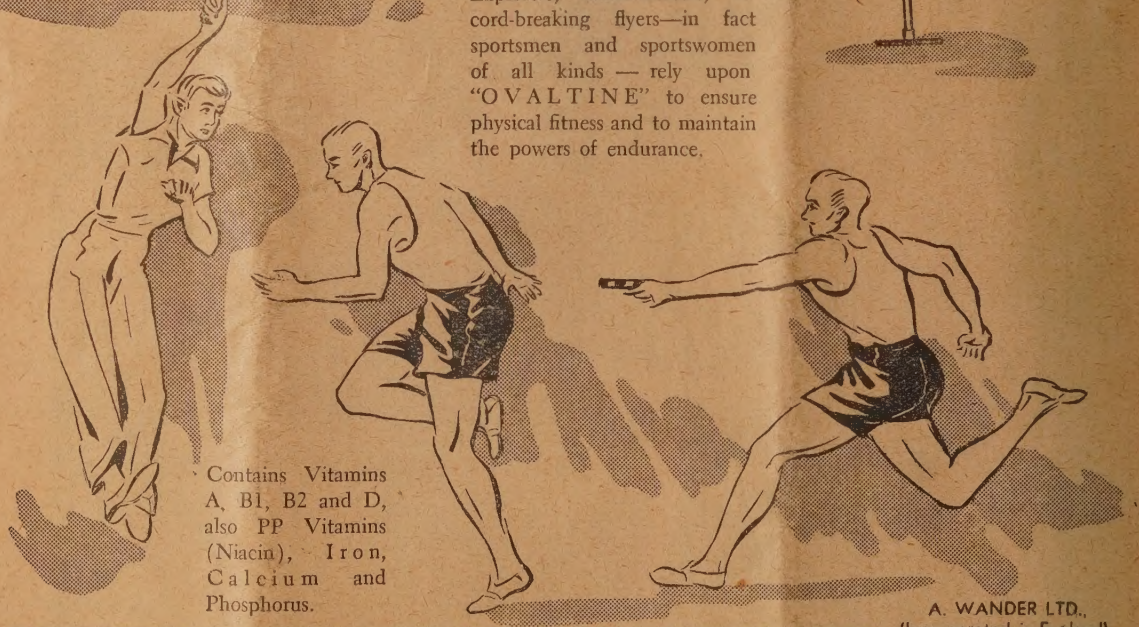

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